



## Donald Kapfer

October 10, 1956 - July 26, 2023

Donald Edward Kapfer, 66, of Cape Girardeau died Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at his home after a short battle with cancer.

He was born October 10, 1956 in Cape Girardeau, the youngest child of Arnold and Marcella Glastetter Kapfer.

Don graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1975.

He was the owner of The Record Store on Broadway from 1979 to 2001. The past few years he worked at the Show Me Center as a sound technician.

Don is survived by two brothers, David (Catherine) Kapfer and Daniel (Deborah) Kapfer; a sister, Jane (John) Blattner all of Cape Girardeau; nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A special thanks to Greg Tlapek and Jerry Lomax for their many years of friendship and being there for him as he battled cancer.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ *My sincere & deepest condolences to the friends & family of Don Kapfer.*  
*I met Don, around 1980, after I moved to Cape Girardeau from St. Louis, at his "Record Store" on Broadway. I remember being impressed, that a young man, such as myself, owned & operated his own record store. It was such a great place to go, hangout with Don & other music lovers, & talk music, pop culture, politics, comedy, or whatever else. Don was a great guy to hang out with. He would give my band a place to practice in his loft & film & support us at our gigs. I'll always be grateful for that. After the Record Store closed, we eventually lost contact. However, I am sad & sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful part of my youth. Someone I looked up to & admired. I have nothing but respect & will always have fond memories of Don & am thankful for his kindness, friendship, & support over the years. R.I.P. my friend.....*

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**Clay Thomas** - August 02, 2023 at 12:37 AM

BT

“ *My deepest condolences to the Kapfer family. Don and I became great friends starting in our freshman year at Notre Dame High School. We had our first jobs together in fast food, co-owned a mobile sound system, and went to more great concerts than I can remember. After I moved to St. Louis in 1979 for an IT career I would still stop by The Record Store occasionally just to visit with him. After his store closed we lost touch until August 2020 when we spent an afternoon together just talking about the old times. I will always cherish my memories of Don and our friendship. Rest in peace good buddy.*  
*Bob Tucker*

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**Bob Tucker** - July 29, 2023 at 09:31 AM

SH

“ I met Don when he opened the Record Store on Broadway. He Always had the rarest albums in stock and I could order whatever album I wanted if it was not in stock. After I graduated college and moved away from Cape for twenty three years I did not see Don. After I was laid off and decided to move back to Cape one of my jobs when I returned to Cape was at The Show Me Center. I was an audio/video technician with Don. Don showed my how to set up and run all of the equipment. Don knew the electronics side of the entertainment business very well! Don and I had a lot of fun laughing and working the events at the Show Me Center. Deepest condolences to the family. Don will be greatly missed!

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**Stuart Hoeller** - July 28, 2023 at 09:38 PM

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“ Stuart Hoeller lit a candle in memory of Donald Kapfer



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**Stuart Hoeller** - July 28, 2023 at 09:37 PM

DR

“ I heard lots of great music for the first time at The Record Store, and I purchased a whole lot of albums and CDs there, too. My condolences to Don's family. May he rest in peace.

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**Darren Richardson** - July 28, 2023 at 03:17 PM

RH

“ Don was a great guy. I always looked forward to seeing him at the Record Store. Sorry to see that he passed on. Condolences and prayers to his family.

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**Rob Hale** - July 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM

BH

“*Dave, Cathy, and all of Donald's family, you have my deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one, Donald. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barbara Hess** - July 28, 2023 at 11:32 AM

BB

“*Don was well-liked by his many friends. The back room at The Record Store was a popular place to hang out on Thursday nights. He was a steady friend and was known for his generosity and sense of humor. We will all miss him a lot. Burton Bock*

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**Burton Bock** - July 27, 2023 at 10:34 PM